

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING
“ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE
PROPOSED 2015-2017 TRIENNIAL INVESTMENT PLAN”

WHEREAS, the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program was established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in 2011 with scope and administration details decided in 2012, to fund public interest investments in applied research and development, technology demonstration and deployment, and market facilitation, of clean energy technologies and approaches for the benefit of electricity ratepayers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE); and

WHEREAS, the CPUC’s EPIC Decision 12-05-037 establishes the purposes and governance of the EPIC Program funding and designates the California Energy Commission, PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE as the four administrators of the EPIC Program, and requires each of the program administrators to submit a coordinated investment plan for the 2015-2017 investment cycle to the CPUC for consideration no later than May 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Energy Commission staff have developed the *Electric Program Investment Charge Proposed 2015-2017 Triennial Investment Plan*, Staff Final Report (Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan), in accordance with CPUC Decision 12-05-037; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan is consistent with the Energy Commission’s broad authority under Public Resources Code Sections 25216(c) and 25401, and was developed with the input and guidance of Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller, in his capacity as the lead commissioner on research, development and demonstration matters; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan is also consistent with the Energy Commission’s authority under Public Resources Code section 25710, et seq., which establishes the *Electric Program Investment Charge Fund* in the State Treasury to receive EPIC Program funding to be administered by the Energy Commission, establishes requirements for Energy Commission administration of the EPIC Program, and authorizes the Energy Commission to use this EPIC Program funding as authorized by the CPUC and appropriated by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan was informed by initial stakeholder comments solicited in public workshops held on February 7 and March 17, 2014, in Sacramento, and on March 21, 2014, in Southern California, and by subsequent stakeholder comments on staff draft proposed initiatives for the 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan and a staff final EPIC investment plan; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan presents the Energy Commission’s strategy for administering approximately \$388.8 million to fund applied research

and development, technology demonstration and deployment, and market facilitation, and in addition proposes keeping the option open to use EPIC monies to fund the New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP), provided that total funding for the program does not exceed the \$400 million cap established by Public Utilities Code section 2851 (e); and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2014, the Energy Commission published the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan and offered stakeholders and interested members of the public an opportunity to provide comments on the investment plan; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Commission has considered the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan, including staff's errata and minor, non-substantive changes and corrections to the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Plan as discussed during the plan's adoption at the Business Meeting, and agrees with the proposed strategy presented therein for administering the EPIC monies to fund applied research and development, technology demonstration and deployment, and market facilitation from 2015 to 2017 for the benefit of electricity ratepayers of PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE, and also agrees with the recommendation to keep the option open to use EPIC monies to fund the NSHP, provided that total funding for the NSHP program does not exceed the \$400 million cap established in Public Utilities Code section 2851 (e); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Energy Commission hereby adopts the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan, including staff's errata and minor, non-substantive changes and corrections to the Staff Final 2015-2017 EPIC Investment Plan and directs the Executive Director, or his designee, to take the following action:

- Finalize the adopted investment plan;
- File the adopted investment plan and an application for consideration with the CPUC in accordance with Decision 12-05-037 by May 1, 2014; ;
- Make revisions to the adopted investment plan to address issues or concerns raised as part of the CPUC proceeding to consider the plan, provided that any substantive revisions to the adopted plan are brought back to the Energy Commission for its approval or subsequent ratification.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretary to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on April 22, 2014.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

HARRIET KALLEMEYN,
Secretariat